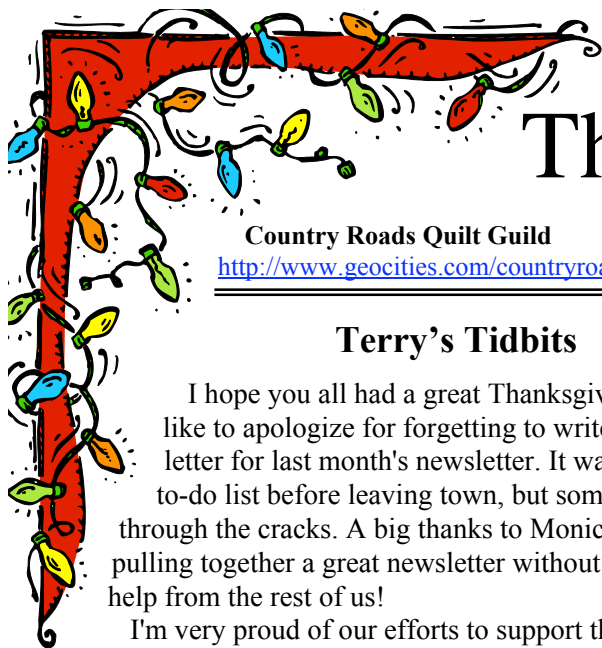
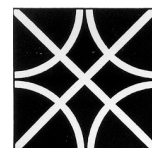




The Postage Stamp

December 2006



Country Roads Quilt Guild
<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild>

Terry's Tidbits

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. I'd like to apologize for forgetting to write up a letter for last month's newsletter. It was on my to-do list before leaving town, but somehow fell through the cracks. A big thanks to Monica for pulling together a great newsletter without much help from the rest of us!

I'm very proud of our efforts to support the "Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts" Project. Our 20 quilts are now posted on Ami's site waiting for our turn to be auctioned (Bev's and Sarah's are on the Auction block right now!!!) I have put a link on our website so you can check them out. Way to go, guys!

I've also added a link to a page where you can vote for the \$100,000 Quilt Challenge. (Our own Linda J is in the running!) If you don't have internet access you can still vote by picking up a copy of the magazine and sending in the paper ballot. Hurry – all votes must be received by December 11th! We're so proud of you, Linda!

Thanks to all who helped so much with our Quilt Show (Tommie, Linda, Janet Jo, Sue, Melissa, and all of you who helped hang the quilts, made charity quilts, worked the show or helped in any way). It really helps to have so many involved. We will give away a little token of our appreciation at our December meeting. If you filled out the tally with the hours you worked you will get one chance for each half hour worked. Thanks again.

And thanks to those who have fed us well at our last 2 meetings (Darlene, Eva, Sheila, Tina, Janet & Kris). We'll all get to contribute to the food at our next meeting (bring something yummy to share with us and a non-perishable item for a local food drive). We'll also have an ornament exchange (wrap with your name INSIDE the package) and a block exchange. If you missed the last meeting you can download the block patterns here:

<http://www.geocities.com/countryroadsquiltguild/gingerbread06.html>.

Thanks to Janet S we're hoping to have a Stack 'n Whack workshop in January so we can learn to make Kaleidoscope blocks for our spring challenge. We'll be setting a date soon.

Our Holiday Party is always lots of fun – hope to see you there! If not, bundle up and enjoy the holiday season. (The thought of being snowed in and quilting a lot sounds good to me!)

Terry

What's Happening?

Terry's Triangle technique is a tip in the Jan/Feb issue of Quiltmaker magazine, page 62.

Have you checked our website lately? You may want to check it regularly. Terry is continually updating and adding interesting things. For example, she put a link to free quilt block patterns from Quilter's Corner.

Linda F received Honorable Mention at the West Virginia Quilters Inc. show at Tamarack for "Love Directs Our Course," the quilt she made for the Inspired by Words challenge.

Linda R had a wonderful time visiting quilt shops as part of the Maryland Shop Hop. I hope she shares her experience with us at the Christmas Party.

Mountaineer Week

Mountaineer Week was a great success thanks to the many members who volunteered to help make it happen. We raised \$586 for the charity quilts and earned a lot of admiration. Here's a list of the quiltmakers and their chosen charity:

Lisa A – Stepping Stones
Lou D - Old Friends
Michelle D & Monica M - Alyssa Weekley Fund
Melissa J - Scott's Run Settlement House, Inc.
Joan L - Labor Of Love Ministries
Sue M - C.H.I.N. in memory of Ian Stroupe.
Linda R - Animal Friends of Northcentral WV
Eva T – Alzheimer's Research
Sheila W - Breast Cancer Research Foundation

Viewers' Choice Awards:

"Twisted Bargello" - Denise R
"Heavenly Garden" - Linda F
"Maple Confection" - Lou D



CRQG October Minutes

October's meeting of the CQRG was held on the 12th at the Mountaineer Mall. Terry called the meeting to order, and the September Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved and seconded.

We displayed the quilts for the Alzheimer's Mini-Challenge at the October Meeting. Terry is planning on sending them out right after November's quilt show.

The Quilt Show clipboards were passed around one more time for volunteers and quilts for the upcoming show. Quilt drop-off will be October 29th from 1-3 outside the Community Room.

There is another Project Linus workshop set up for October 28th. Lou has kits tonight for those who like to take them home. In fact, she has a quilt top ready to be quilted.

Darlene made up a gift basket in place of the monthly mini. Darlene also won the basket which she gave to Terry. It included a pumpkin made with a roll of toilet paper and a square of cloth... Very creative!

Sheila has had trouble contacting someone in regards to teaching at Morgan Manor.

Melissa, Darlene and Eva are planning the Holiday Party.

Carol R S will look into our yearly visit from Patricia Knoechel.

Hope C brought up the fact that Pace Tech welcomes fabric donations to make their woven rag rugs. The fabric should not be stiff or sheer and at least one yard long. They are located behind Gabe's and will have a booth during Mountaineer Week.

Terry asked if anyone was interested in staying late after guild meetings as a sort of mini-group.

Parking for Show: Read the signs carefully. The cost of parking can be reimbursed if you are working.

We closed with Show and Tell and snacks.

Sarah C

CRQG November Minutes

November's meeting of the CQRG was held on the 9th at the Mountaineer Mall. Terry, who was garbed in an outfit from Mexico, called the meeting to order. Both the Minutes and Treasurer's Report will be ready for approval during the December meeting.

Among our four guests were some of the WVU students who helped with the quilt show. Our first order of business was filling in Terry about the success of the quilt show which was "the best one yet." The charity quilts raised a total of \$586 for eight different charities.

Eva talked about the upcoming Holiday Party. Eva passed around patterns of Gingerbread men and women for the 12 1/2 inch blocks. There will also be an Ornament Exchange. It should be wrapped with your name on the inside of the package. Everyone should bring a dish to pass. We will also collect nonperishables for the food pantry.

Linda J took a count of finished or partially done Project Linus Quilts for Pat Overbeck who was unable to make it to the meeting because of a recent surgery.

For New Business, Terry asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee. They will call members to see who is interested in serving on next year's Board. The list of nominees will be presented in January and the Guild will vote in February. Chris L, Brenda Z, and Linda F volunteered to be on this Committee.

Debbie won the monthly mini: a cat pillow and pumpkin brought by Tina W.

We closed with Show and Tell and snacks.

Sarah C

New address:

Jane B

Welcome to our new member!

Megan S



CRQG October Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

Beginning Balance		\$2,925.51
Income		
monthly mini	19.00	
member dues	15.00	
No Name	1.25	
Donation: Mt. Corner(internet)	60.00	
interest	<u>0.14</u>	95.39
Expenses		
Terry C-Challenge gift cert.	20.01	
Janet S-Sept. newsletter	66.67	
Pat O-proj. linus	85.12	
Mt. Mall Oct. 12th & 28th rent	<u>25.00</u>	<u>196.80</u>
Ending Balance		\$2,824.10

REVISED CRQG October Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

Beginning Balance		\$2,925.51
Income		
monthly mini	19.00	
member dues	15.00	
No Name	1.25	
Donation: Mt. Corner(internet)	60.00	
interest	<u>0.14</u>	95.39
Expenses		
Terry C-Challenge gift cert.	20.01	
Janet S-Sept. newsletter	66.67	
Pat O-proj. linus	85.12	
Mt. Mall Nov 9th rent	25.00	
Postmaster-guild oin mailing	5.94	
MPB - quilt show	<u>3.30</u>	<u>206.04</u>
Ending Balance		\$2,814.86

CRQG November Treasurer's Report by Melissa J

Beginning Balance		\$2,814.86
Income		
monthly mini	12.00	
charity quilts	586.00	
No Name	2.00	
CRQG Start-up money from WVU Show	50.00	
Membership dues	15.00	
CRQG Pin sale	7.00	
interest	<u>0.13</u>	672.13
Expenses		
Terry C-Nov. craft	41.75	
Terry C-postage	6.35	
Terry C-yahoo upgrade	7.42	
Mt. Mall Dec. 14th rent	25.00	
Wal-mart: holiday party supplies	127.34	
Melissa J-quilt show starup money	<u>50.00</u>	<u>257.86</u>
Ending Balance		\$3,229.13



Michelle and Monica received this thank you from Paula Weekley, Alyssa's Mom, for the charity quilt they made for Mountaineer Week. "Thank you so very much for doing this for us – every little bit of help we get is so very appreciated and useful. We will use this to pay our telephone bills next month—that to us is help!!! Forever grateful for wonderful friends and people, Paula."

I'd like to tell my phat sister thank you for the fat quarters of yellow fabrics! They look like a little piece of sunshine in my fabric stash! Love them! Monica

I would like to say thank you very much to my Phat Sister. I love all the wonderful gifts I have received this year. Have a great holiday and a healthy 2007. - Lisa A

A very tardy and very heartfelt Thank You to my Phat Sister for the many thoughtful gifts. I am particularly fond of the patchwork bag. Blessings, Sandy F

The December monthly mini will be made by Melissa J

Happy Birthday!

12/1 Gitta J
12/16 Beth M
12/20 Karen S
12/24 Champaka S
1/13 Marty A





Christmas Party

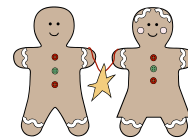
December 14th

6:00 p.m. (*notice that we start earlier than usual*)

Community Room, Mountaineer Mall

You're invited to share an evening of fun, laughter and great food with friends at the next meeting on December 14th, starting at 6:00 for a Covered Dish Dinner and Christmas Party. We have a few activities planned so mark your calendar and join us in an evening of fellow quilters and friends...

1. Prepare your favorite dish and bring copies of your recipe to share if you would like...
2. We hope you will participate in a 12 1/2" block top using Red, Green, White, or Cream color with the Gingerbread Pattern (enclosed in this newsletter). For each block you submit, your name will be entered into a drawing and you could win several blocks to create a small quilt, wall hanging or a set of blocks for pillow covers. The more the merrier.
3. Share in the excitement of our ornament exchange. Bring a Christmas ornament with you and remember to put your name inside the wrapping so it keeps it interesting as they are chosen.
4. We are asking all members to please bring at least 2 non-perishable items for a basket to share with a special family in need.
5. Last but not least, you could win a great door prize...But you have to come.



Hope to see you there!!!!!!

Janet S has graciously shared the recipe for the wonderful cake she brought to the last meeting.

EASIEST SPICE CAKE EVER

1 cup raisins	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon allspice
1/2 cup oil	1 teaspoon cloves
2 cups flour	1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs	1 teaspoon salt

Cook raisins in 2 cups of water until only 1 cup of juice remains. Mix remaining ingredients; add raisins. Spread one-half inch thick on cookie or jelly roll pan that's been greased. Bake in 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Frost with a powdered sugar glaze.

GLAZE

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Add just enough milk to make a spreadable glaze. Spread glaze on cake five minutes after removing from oven. I waited longer than 5 minutes and got more of an icing effect. I think it would melt more and make more of a glaze effect after 5 minutes.

2007 Challenge

May 10, 2007

This years Challenge was selected by the members in a drawing held this past fall at the Sew Inn with each member present listing their favorite pattern, color or object. A total of 5 items were selected. These must be used in your Challenge they are:

Pattern: Nine patch and Kaleidoscope
Colors: Green and Purple
Object: Flower

Let your creativity flow, your options are endless. There is no size requirement, you have free range as long as you use the 5 items within the finished item.

Please send items for the January Newsletter to Linda F by December 29th.

